arrested. Moreover, the infiltration this year has come down to 53 per cent of the figures of corresponding period of the previous year. The election to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was successfully conducted in September and October 2002 despite terrorist violence and intimidation.

In addition, the mobilization focussed the attention of the international community on Pakistan as a State sponsoring terrorism, thereby pressurizing Pakistan to shun cross border terrorism.

The experience gained during the mobilization has enabled the Army to reassess and revalidate its operational plans and procedures.

Collapse of Western Grid

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the collapse of the Western Grid on 30th July, 2002, the Union Government had called a meeting of State Chief Ministers on 5th August, 2002;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether any probe was ordered on the grid failure;

(d) if so, what was the outcome of the probe; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to see that such grid failure does not take place again?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a meeting of the State Power Ministers (except North Eastern States) was held on 5th August, 2002 in New Delhi to evolve strategy to tackle power demand during the prevailing drought situation in the country. During the meeting, besides other initiatives to be taken, emphasis was also given on maintenance of grid discipline during the period of shortages to prevent grid disturbance.

(c) Yes, Sir. An Enquiry Committee was constituted by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Chairmanship of Shri R.K. Narayanan, Ex-CMD, Power Grid with terms of reference among other things, to

analyze the causes leading to grid disturbance and suggest remedial measures for preventing recurrence of such disturbance in future.

(d) and (e) The Enquiry Committee submitted its report to CEA on 21st August, 2002. As per the findings of the Committee, the disturbance has been caused by overdrawals, as well as, overloading of the system of varying magnitudes by all the constituents (except Chhattisgarh, Goa and UTs) of Western Region due to wide mismatch between loan and generation. A number of measures and steps to be taken have been identified by the Committee in its report for safe and secure operation of the Western Regional Grid and to avoid such incidents in future. Chairman, CEA has written to the Energy Departments of all States/UTs including those of Western Region to expedite implementation of the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee, in a time bound manner to avoid grid collapse in future.

Emergency Regulatory Measures required to cope up with critical situations of the grid, had been prepared in the Regional Electricity Board (REB) forum of Western Region as well as other regions and Action Plan has been chalked out. REBs have also been required to review the State-wise implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's report in the respective regions from time to time.

A meeting of the constituent States of Western Region was also taken by Secretary, Ministry of Power on 3rd August, 2002 at Mumbai when the need for maintaining grid discipline to avoid grid disturbance was emphasized and *inter-alia* following decisions were agreed for implementation in the Western Grid by the REB:

(i) Loads to be planned by States for maintaining grid frequency of 50.0 Hz.

(ii) When the frequency dips below 49.0 Hz., the Regional Load Despatch Centre should identify the overdrawing State Electricity Board(s) SEB and take steps to cut supply of that SEB(s) to extent of overdrawals.

(iii) If the frequency dips below distress level, *i.e.* 48.5 Hz., the RLDC would take all steps necessary to bring back the frequency to 49.0 Hz.